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1. The following information is based on personal observations of the source.

2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted on photostatic copies of HO Charts 4928 and 4876 and referred to by the following alphabetical designators:

- A. Berthing area
- B. New construction
- C. Site of former chemical factory
- D. Petroleum facilities
- E. Two submarines
- F. Motor torpedo boats maneuvering area
- G. Three-four destroyers and one cruiser

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3. Approach and Pilot Data Vessel [] visited subject port

1-8 Jun 56 discharged 9670 long tons of wheat

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BA Charts 2377 and 2369 were used for navigational purposes aboard the vessel during the approach to subject port. Vessel's approach course to subject port was 135° the reciprocal course being followed on departure. Vessel arrived at subject port at 010417A and pilot boarded vessel seven minutes later from a small motor launch. Incoming pilot, one Habbai []

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[] spoke fair English and German, in addition to his native Polish. Source reported that pilot gave "good" service. Pilotage is compulsory at subject port at all times. Vessel got underway at 010507A and arrived at berth at 010614A. Weather during the call was fair; the mean temperature was 64°F. Upon departure from subject port, pilot boarded vessel at 081236A. Outgoing pilot, one Braninski [] provided good service. Outgoing pilot was discharged at 081338A.

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4. Controls The vessel was not boarded by a control party during the call at subject port. Three guards were deployed on the dock in the vicinity of the vessel. Source believed that several craft were carrying out waterside surveillance on the vessel.
5. Harbor Craft Vessel was assisted by two tugs while berthing. Several other tugs were observed operating at subject port.
6. Berthing Vessel's berth was in the grain handling area labeled designator A. Source reported that there were several grain elevators in the vicinity of the berth but that vessel's cargo was offloaded directly into trucks, wagons, and railway cars for transshipment to an unknown destination. The grain handling wharf was about 12-1500 feet long and was of wood construction.
7. Construction Source reported that the distillery formerly located at the position labeled designator B has been torn down and the land is being cleared for new construction. The chemical factory formerly located at position labeled designator C has been torn down. No new construction was observed at this position, however. An old castle was reportedly being renovated at subject port and the type of work being conducted led the source to believe that the structure was to be used as a fortified tower.
8. Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Source observed a great amount of activity in the shipyards located at subject port. One yard was reportedly building eight new ships of about 12 thousand to 15 thousand tons.
9. Petroleum Facilities A petroleum storage tank area was located at position labeled designator D. The storage farm was surrounded by a high concrete wall and a guardhouse equipped with two powerful searchlights was located on top of the wall.
10. Naval Vessels Two midget submarines of an estimated 50 to 60 feet in length were observed at position labeled designator E. The submarines showed no armament and no pendants were observed. Several new fast motor torpedo boats were operating in the area labeled designator F. These boats were armed with a three-inch gun and numerous 20mm and 40mm guns. Three or four destroyers and one light cruiser were operating in the area labeled designator G. The squadron was going through maneuvers and laying smoke screens.
11. Merchant Vessels

 Several German, Polish, and Soviet ships were also trading at subject port.
12. Shore Activities Almost all of the crew participated in shore leave during call at subject port. Crew members reported that food and drink ashore were "fair" and that prostitutes were available in the taverns and on the street.
13. Miscellaneous Source reported that social conditions in subject port are the same as those at Gdynia. The Baltona Store in subject port is operated like the one in Gdynia also. Eight or nine propeller-driven aircraft resembling the British Spitfire were observed. Also, vapor trails of high flying jets were seen.

[On file are photostatic copies of HO Charts 4928 and 4876 with alphabetical designators A-G, UNCLASSIFIED.]

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